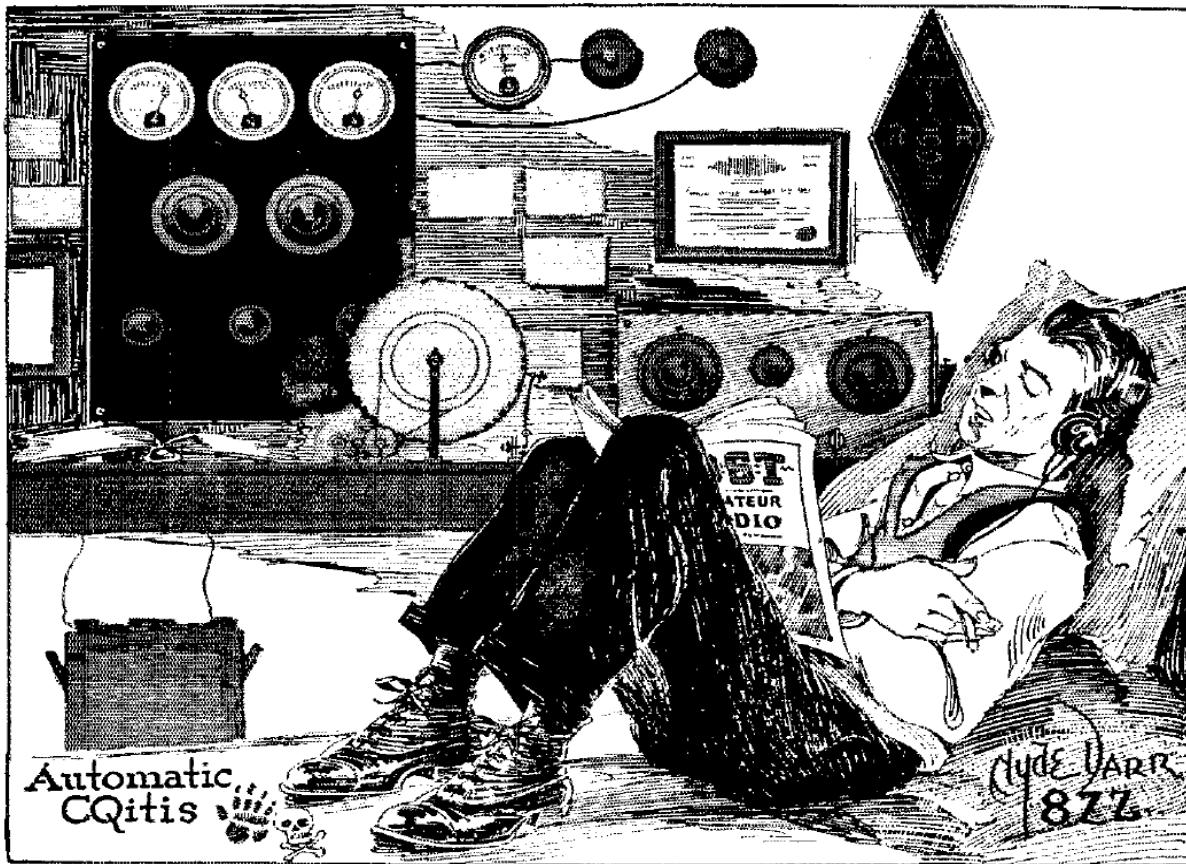




San Diego DX Club Bulletin

August 2012



JULY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012
AT THE SIZZLER STEAK HOUSE
3755 MURPHY CANYON ROAD, SUITE S
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 PM DINNER: 5:30 PM
MEETING: 6:30 PM
PROGRAM: NED STEARNS, AA7A,
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A Word from the Prez . . .**John Barcroft, K6AM**

As a new term begins, we have hit the ground running. Our Vice President, Dan Severance, N6ERD is putting together a great slate of programs for the rest of the year. Our membership is steadily growing with a new face or two at every meeting. The future for DX'ing looks a bit brighter on the bands as the SFI peeks above 100. Conditions during the WPX contest were just unbelievable with 15 meters open late into the night. All in all, we're in pretty good shape.

As those who attended the last meeting recall, the manager of the Sizzler came by and advised us of an upcoming sale and remodel. At that time he could not promise that our meeting room would be available much longer. He only knew that the other locations that had remodels did NOT maintain their meeting rooms. So we started the process of finding another location. I wanted to keep it centrally located, so we started looking in the area of Miramar Rd. and I-15. I found four potential places and several members suggested a few others. In addition, I invited members to bring their suggestions to this month's meeting.

Well, since then I have learned through the grapevine that the new owners of the Sizzler have told another club that they WILL be keeping the room. So, while we may eventually outgrow our present home, I am hopeful we can stay put for a bit longer. After all, the Sizzler has been good to us for many years and deserves our loyalty. But in any case we will need an alternate spot for at least the Sept. meeting while they finish construction. So, I'd like to try Mimi's at the SW corner of Westview and Mira Mesa Blvd, just one block west of I-15. If we don't like it, we'll start working our way down the list.

Don't forget the big summer bash on Sunday, August 12th hosted by SDDXC up in La Habra. See details in last month's Bulletin. It's always a fun time.

73, John

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since its founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports



San Diego DX Club

June 27, 2012

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M.

The Sizzler will be undergoing a major re-model beginning September 1st and will be unavailable, so we all need to look around for a new meeting location. Suggestions were made (Italian, Mexican, Chinese, etc) but the bottom line is that we're looking for someplace that is centrally located, has a private meeting room, can accommodate 40—45 people and has reasonable food and (adult!) beverage prices.

Noel AG6KA gave a SANDARC report (held prior to the event, the meeting consisted mostly of various discussions of Field Day plans).

John K6AM reported on the Top 10 for 160m and 6m.

Phil David K6DLV/YB0ARA became a Silent Key last month. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

A Roundtable discussion ensued followed by a presentation by Dan N6ERD.

Remember the Summer Bash is scheduled to be held August 12th at the home of George, N6VNI and Kris, KC6TOD in La Habra.

More information is available at <http://www.sddxc.org/SUMMER%20BASH%202012.pdf>

(Thanks to K6KAL & AF6WF for digitally recording the meeting)

NOTE: The Club has badges ready for K1GR and N7VM. Please contact N6UWW for delivery.

Treasurer's Report

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| Statement Balance 31-May, 2012 | \$4,286.67 |
| Subtractions | \$44.45 |
| (N6OX May meeting speaker's dinner, \$16.69) | |
| (DXer of the Year plaque, \$27.76) | |
| Statement Balance 30-June, 2012 | \$4,242.22 |
| Outstanding checks | \$511.96 |
| (N6ERD speaker's dinner reimbursement, \$11.96) | |
| (Donation to NCDXF, \$500.00) | |
| Outstanding deposit | \$315.00 |
| (Marsh Affinity insurance reimbursement, \$315.00) | |
| Adjusted Balance | \$3,670.26 |

Respectfully submitted,

73, Ellen



The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 6 METERS

| 7/12 | 7/11 CALL | ZNS | C-D | CFM | WKD | CHG |
|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. | 1. N6CW | 27 | 101 | 101 | 102 | - |
| 2. | 4. N7CW | 18 | 55 | 55 | 77 | +40 |
| 3. | 3. N6ND | 17 | 13 | 13 | 38 | - |
| 4. | 5. K6ZH | 14 | 21 | 21 | 24 | - |
| 5. | - NA6L | 14 | 8 | 8 | 18 | NEW |
| 6. | 9. W6YI | 9 | 8 | 8 | 12 | - |
| 7. | 8. WA6MHZ | | 10 | 10 | 10 | - |
| 8. | 10. N6VS | 10 | 7 | 7 | 9 | - |
| 9. | - WB6BFG | 8 | 7 | 7 | 9 | NEW |
| 10. | - K6AM | | 2 | 2 | 6 | NEW |

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 160 METERS

| 7/12 | 7/11 CALL | ZNS | C-D | CFM | WKD | CHG |
|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. | 1. N6ND | 35 | 156 | 157 | 210 | +4 |
| 2. | 2. W5BN | | ? | 192 | 200 | - |
| 3. | 4. W6YI | 35 | 179 | 181 | 192 | +14 |
| 4. | 8. N7CW | 34 | 126 | 126 | 165 | +41 |
| 5. | 5. K6XT | 34 | 164 | 164 | 164 | - |
| 6. | 6. W6YA | 33 | ? | ? | 163 | +1 |
| 7. | 7. K6AM | | 131 | 132 | 136 | +3 |
| 8. | 9. K0XB | 24 | 73 | 74 | 78 | +4 |
| 9. | 10. N6KI | | 3 | 3 | 49 | - |
| 10. | - AD6JZ | 16 | 45 | 46 | 48 | NEW |

The standings on 6 get a bit of a shakeup as Bud, N7CW jumps 2 places to number 2 with 40 new ones since his last report. He is joined by three newcomers to the list. Lately, 6 has been open almost every day to somewhere, although unfortunately mostly for the domestic grid square set. The east coast is working Europe, but we are only working the east coast and the occasional Caribbean. Meanwhile, there were several nice jumps on 160. Rick, N6ND holds his grasp on first place, while again N7CW jumps waaay up the list. Long time 6/160 contender, Bill, K6TQ (SK) goes into the hall of fame with 59 on 6 and 195 on 160.

Both these bands are now being reported together since they both represent the ultimate challenge for the DX'er. Each takes the patience of a saint to wait out the ever-so-rare opening that may only last 5 minutes and be missed if someone in the right spot is not transmitting at just the right time. Our hats off to the top 10 winners in these categories.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, RTTY, phone, and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

73, John

PT0S - DXpedition to St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks

The Araucaria DX Group, in conjunction with the TX3A Team, is pleased to announce a DXpedition to St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks, PY0S, under the call sign PT0S. The DXpedition will take place in the late November to mid December, 2012 time frame. The actual dates will depend on weather conditions and will be announced on the PT0S.com website

SUMMER BASH 2012!

August 12th Noon

The Jacob Residence

(George, N6VNI, Kris, KC6TOD, & Carolyn, KE6BUH)

1901 El Portal Drive La Habra, CA 90631

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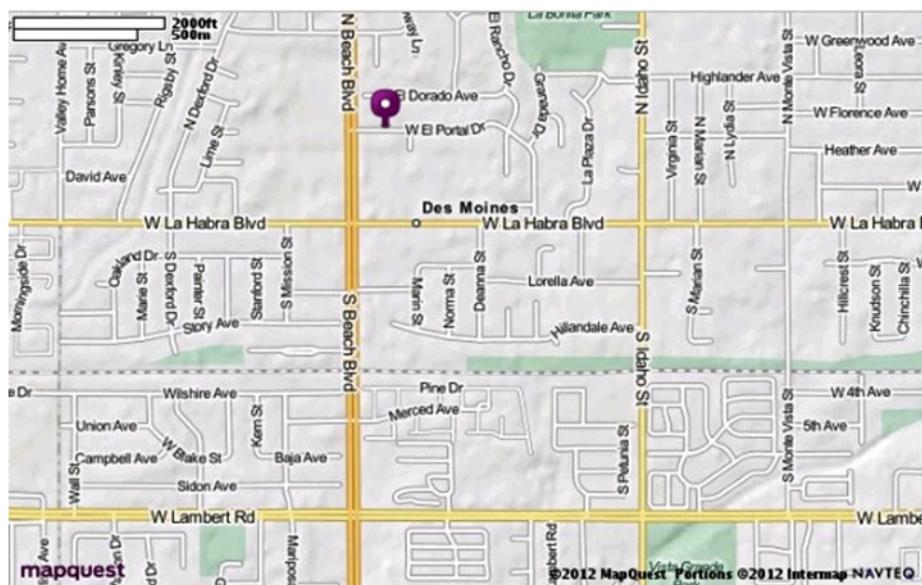
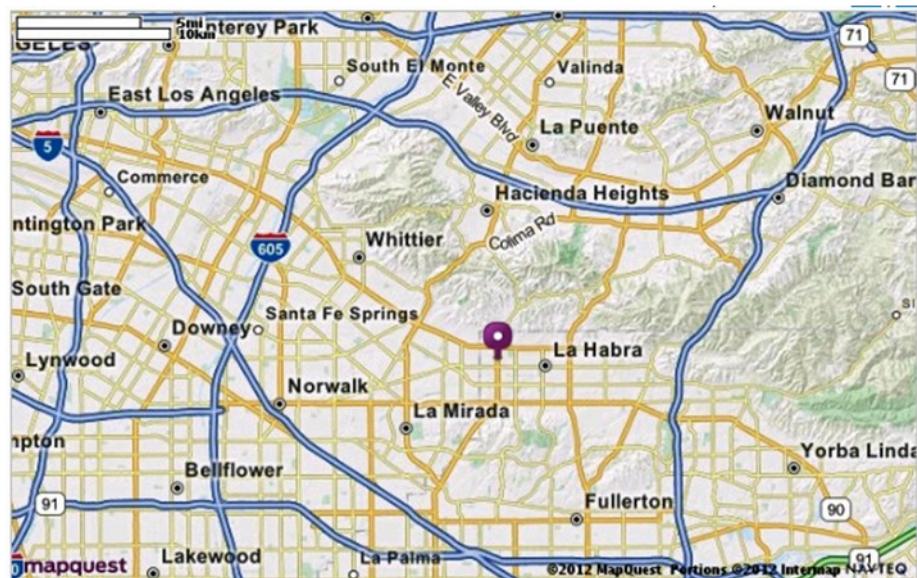


The 2012 Summer Bash will be at George and Kris' house in La Habra. There will be food, drinks and good company. This year we decided to have the food catered by a taco man! There will be four kinds of meats (beef, chicken, carnitas, al pastor) as well as hamburgers, hot dogs and munchies!

Directions

From either the 91 or the I-5 take the Beach Blvd Exit North until you hit El Portal (Costco will be on the left). Turn right look for the antenna!

From the 60 exit Hacienda Blvd South to Whittier Blvd. Make a right and proceed to Beach Blvd. Turn left and drive until El Portal. Turn left and look for the antenna!





Cover Story and Editor's Rambling

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

Taking some time off from writing. Big story planned for next issue! Happy Summer to all.

73, Bob



<http://www.thomas-alfeld.de/dieter/afunk.php>

DJ3FS

"Anything worth doing is worth doing to excess."

-Edwin Land (Polaroid)

SDDXC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2012

A Board Meeting was held following the regular general meeting of the club. In attendance were K6AM, N6ERD, N6UWW, K6GO, AI6O, NN6K and N6NC. The Board was advised by Larry, N6NC, to immediately pursue acquisition of our General Liability Insurance through Hays Affinity Group and terminate our relationship with Marsh Affinity Group. A motion was made by K6GO and seconded by NN6K and passed unanimously. Secretary/Treasurer Ellen, N6UWW, is to act post haste toward getting that accomplished. (Note: Hays Affinity Insurance was acquired (\$375 annual premium paid) and is effective July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013. Marsh Affinity Insurance was terminated and a (\$315 credit for the premium will be issued to SDDXC Club, Inc.))

The Statement of Information card for the State of California is due July 31, 2012. Secretary/Treasurer Ellen, N6UWW, is to act on getting that requirement fulfilled. (Filed online June 28, 2012. The \$20 fee will be reimbursed to N6UWW)

The SDDXC Club's check for our \$500.00 donation to the NCDX Foundation was given to John, K6AM so he can include a letter from SDDXC with our donation.

A new member application has been submitted by Ernie, W4EG that needs to be voted on at next meeting.

We need a host and venue for our Holiday Bash to be held on Sunday December 2nd, 2012.

73, Ellen



P5 / K6VVA

IOTA AS-197 Expedition

(Pending "CW ONLY" Activation Proposal)



During the past 6 years, I have had more than 50 cordial telephone conversations with D.P.R.K. personnel seeking official permission to operate from P5. Along with email proposals and discussions in this matter, substantial efforts have been made to obtain a P5 license.

For more than a year now I have now been working with an NGO Organization which is well respected in the D.P.R.K. as a result of Humanitarian work they have done in P5 for many years. I have personally donated several thousands of dollars to this organization and another NGO specifically for both Food and Medical related relief projects to the people in need within the D.P.R.K. Representatives from both organizations personally supervise the final delivery and distribution of agricultural, food and medical related items in the D.P.R.K. to ensure the integrity of the donation programs.

2 NEW DEVELOPMENTS...

For several months now my NGO contact and I have been discussing a possible new venue which would be mutually beneficial in helping to accomplish each of our objectives in the D.P.R.K.

A longstanding goal has been to combine the need for a "CW ONLY" P5 Expedition with the first time activation of at least one P5 IOTA "NEW ONE". I believe an opportunity now exists to combine these goals in conjunction with unique "Cultural" and "Humanitarian" objectives which have been formulated for review by D.P.R.K. Authorities. There is strong support from the NGO in this effort.

3 CLARIFICATION...

I need to make it very clear than I am *NOT* seeking any donations at this point, but rather only an indication of the level of potential contributions for the related "Humanitarian" purposes likely required in order for approval of this project and issuance of a P5 license.

Although I will be paying ALL my own expenses for the Expedition, a quite large "threshold" amount for the "Humanitarian" part of the proposal has been established which may be necessary for this P5 Project to succeed. NO future donations will come to me personally, but rather be directed to the very well-respected NGO specifically earmarked for the D.P.R.K. relief part of the P5 Project proposal AFTER the Expedition has concluded. There are some remaining details yet to be finalized.

4 THE CHALLENGE...

WRITTEN APPROVAL from at least four separate D.P.R.K. Ministries and entities (including the D.P.R.K. Military) is necessary in order for this to happen. Based upon a detailed review of several previous P5 Expedition attempts that did not result in getting on the air, a key objective in this matter is to minimize potential failure upon arrival at the final destination in P5.

It has been a very long 6 years thus far, but I believe the time has finally come to "fish or cut bait". I've espoused that "Ham Radio Operators" are known to be generous contributors to Humanitarian causes. Being able to provide an indicator of this to the D.P.R.K. Authorities up-front can potentially make the difference between another "No", or finally "YES" in obtaining the desired P5 license.

Another purpose of this Expedition is to hopefully further "open the door" for a future Multi-Operator venue in P5, as well as activation of the other 3 remaining P5 IOTA "NEW ONES".

5 PREPARATION...

My FIVE 2011 IOTA Expeditions to NA-041, NA-066, NA-091, NA-184 and NA-242 ("NEW ONE") were also used to fine-tune operational matters as well as test antenna designs for P5 use in a small venue footprint most likely acceptable to the D.P.R.K. Authorities. The plan is 4 days QRV with 200 watt radios and "Verticals near salt water". I have all the radio, antenna and computer equipment necessary for this expedition, including two KPA500 amplifiers (approval for use of the amps in P5 is questionable at this time).

Thanks very much in advance for your possible participation in the Humanitarian aspect of this P5 "CW ONLY" and IOTA AS-197 Project. For Any Updates, Check TWITTER and the INFO UPDATES webpage.

This is NOT a solicitation for contributions or donations, but only an inquiry to obtain an idea as to the possibilities of achieving the minimum "threshold" amount set forth in the proposal to hopefully make this "Cultural & Humanitarian" endeavor also become a reality for P5 "CW ONLY" and first time activation of IOTA AS-197.



The 3D2C Team requests sponsorship/support for their DXpedition to Conway Reef from September 24th to October 5th, 2012. Conway Reef-3D2C is IOTA: OC-112

Web Page: <http://www.yt1ad.info/3d2c/index.html>

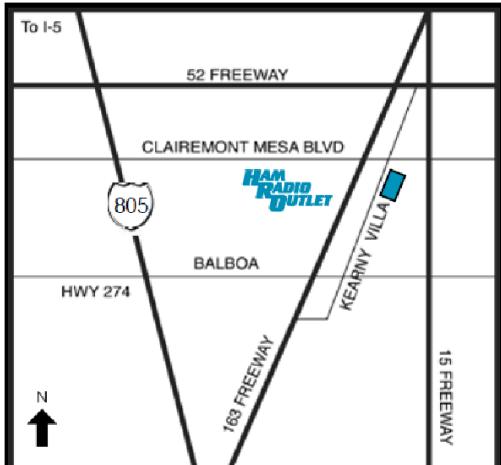
15 member multi-national team has been assembled and led by Dr. Hrane Milosevic, YT1AD

Send donations via PayPal to Dave Jorgenson WD5COV@vtc.net or:

Intrepid-DX Group
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3052 Wetmore Dr
San Jose, CA 95148



| Late July and August 2012 Contests | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Contest | Start Date | Start Time | End Date | End Time |
| RSGB IOTA Contest | 28-Jul | 1200Z | 29-Jul | 1200Z |
| NAQP | 4-Aug | 1800Z | 5-Aug | 0600Z |
| WAE CW | 11-Aug | 0000Z | 12-Aug | 2359Z |
| NAQP | 18-Aug | 1800Z | 19-Aug | 0600Z |



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